

M: 23-08  
Gaither-Howard Houses  
Montgomery County, MD

The house known as the Gaither/Howard house, originally built in 1790, is located on a 75-acre parcel of land in the Patuxent River State Park on the North side of Damascus Road in rural northern Montgomery County. The property includes a primary residence, two outbuildings, a second stone residence, and a cemetery. The buildings are in severe runious condition. Beale Gaither, in 1790, was the builder of the 1-1/2 story, stone dwelling. The Gaither-Howard house came to include a 2-1/2 story, I-house addition, a 2-1/2 story, one-room frame extension and a one-story, one-room frame extension. Enoch George Howard, a freed black, after whom the property is also named, purchased it from the Gaither family in 1862. The Howard family retained ownership for 98 years. The property provides an illustration of the evolution of rural domestic building in Montgomery County and provides a historical link to two notable families in the county. Due to the severe deterioration, the Gaither-Howard houses and their outbuildings do not meet the Criteria in the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
MD INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Inventory No. M-23-08

=====

1. Name of Property

=====

historic name Gaither-Howard Houses

common/other name \_\_\_\_\_

=====

2. Location

=====

street & number Patuxent River State Park Not for publication \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town Unity vicinity X state Maryland code MD  
county Montgomery code \_\_\_\_\_ zip code 20833

=====

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

N/A

=====

4. National Park Service Certification

N/A

=====

5. Classification

=====

Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ private  
\_\_\_\_\_ public-local  
X public-State  
\_\_\_\_\_ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

X building(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_ district  
X site  
\_\_\_\_\_ structure  
\_\_\_\_\_ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing      Noncontributing

_____	<u>4</u>	buildings
<u>1</u>	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	<u>4</u>	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Listing \_\_\_\_\_ No X

=====

6. Function or Use

=====

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>DOMESTIC</u>	Sub: <u>Two Single Dwellings</u>
<u>AGRICULTURE</u>	<u>Two Barns</u>
<u>FUNERARY</u>	<u>Cemetery</u>

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>VACANT/NOT IN USE</u>	Sub: _____
_____	_____
_____	_____

=====

7. Description

=====

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Other: I-house

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Stone: Fieldstone

roof Gable: Tin

walls Stone: Fieldstone, Wood: Clapboard

other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

=====  
8. Statement of Significance  
=====

Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☐ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☒ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☒ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties  
Gaither/Howard Houses  
Montgomery County, Maryland

Inventory No. M-23-08  
Page 4

=====  
Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

ETHNIC HERITAGE: Black

AGRICULTURE

Period of Significance 1790-1862

1862-1960

Significant Dates 1790

1862

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Enoch George Howard, Beale Gaither

Cultural Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.)

See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

=====

9. Major Bibliographical References

=====

(Cite the books, articles, legal records, and other sources used in preparing this form.)

\_\_\_\_\_. *Sergeant Murphy: Story of a Civil War Veteran*. (Original copy housed in the Department of Natural Resources file for the Gaither-Howard House.)

Allen G. Noble and Richard K. Cleek, *The Old Barn Book: A field guide to North American Barns and other Farm Structures*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 1995.

*Annals of Sandy Spring*, Vols. I-V, Sandy Spring, MD.: Privately Printed.

Boyd, T.H.S., *History of Montgomery County*, 1879. Reprint. Baltimore, MD: Clearfield Comp., 1989.

Coleman, Peg. "As Slavery Flourishes, George Howard Wins Freedom and Land." *County Courier*. February 25, 1981. p A1 and A10.

Coleman, Margaret Marshall and Anne Dennis Lewis. *Montgomery County: A Pictorial History*. Norfolk, VA: The Donning Company. 1984.

Farghvar, Roger Brooke. *Old Homes and History of Montgomery County, MD*. Silver Spring, MD., 1952, 1962.

Fly, Everett L. and La Barbara Wigfall. *Northeastern Montgomery County Black Oral History Study*. Np: 1983.

Hill-Talley, Barbara. "Howard -Holland Family Celebrates the Past & Present." *The African American Times*. July/August 1996, p A9.

MacMaster, Richard K. and Ray Eldon Hiebert. *A Grateful Remembrance: The Story of Montgomery County, Maryland, 1776-1976*. Rockville, MD.: Montgomery County Historical Society, 1976.

Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville, MD., Vertical Files.

Montgomery County Land Records, Montgomery County, Maryland.

Mutual Assurance Society Records, Montgomery County Historical Society.

=====  
Nesbitt, Martha C. and Mary Reading Miller. *Chronicles of Sandy Spring Friends Meeting and Environs*. Sandy Spring, MD., 1987.

Noble, Allen G. and Richard K. Cleek. *The Old Barn Book: A Field Guide to North American Barns and other Farm Structures*. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 1995.

Sandy Spring Museum, Sandy Spring, Maryland, Vertical Files.

Genealogical Abstracts, *Montgomery County Sentinel* 1855-1899.

Maps and Drawings and Photographs

Hopkins, G.M., comp. *Atlas of Fifteen Miles around Washington, including the County of Montgomery, Maryland*, 1879. Reprint. Rockville, MD.: Montgomery County Historical Society, 1975.

Martenet, Simon L. *Martenet and Bond's Map of Montgomery County*, 1865.

=====

10. Geographical Data

=====

Acreage of Property 75.60 acres

**Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property.)**

The Gaither-Howard House occupies Parcel # 150 on Montgomery County Tax Map HW.

**Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected.)**

This parcel is part of a larger parcel of land that was associated with the property since the 18th century.

=====

11. Form Prepared By

=====

name/title Kimberly Williams/Michele Naru, Architectural Historians  
organization M-NCPPC date 3-14-99  
street & number 8787 Georgia Avenue telephone 301/563-3403  
city or town Silver Spring state MD zip code 20910

=====

12. Property Owner

=====

name Maryland Department of Natural Resources  
street & number 580 Taylor Avenue telephone 410-260-8192  
town Annapolis state MD zip code 20833

=====



MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

CONTINUATION SHEET

Section 7 Page 1

Inventory No. M-23-08

Gaither-Howard Houses

name of property

Montgomery County, MD

county and state

=====

The house known as the Gaither/Howard House, originally built in 1790,<sup>1</sup> is located on a 75-acre parcel of land in the Patuxent River State Park. The property includes a primary residence, two outbuildings, a second stone residence with a single outbuilding, and a cemetery. The buildings are in severe runious condition.

**ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION**

The primary residence--a 2-1/2 story stone I-house with a frame extension and a stone/frame rear ell--was built in four parts. The original section of the house, now the mid-section of the rear ell, was built in 1790 as a 1-1/2 story stone dwelling with a stone chimney. The house was enlarged by the addition of the stone I-house, now forming the main block. A frame, 2-1/2 story extension to the I-house was probably added in conjunction with the frame extension to the rear ell.

Exterior Description:

I-House:

Set upon a stone foundation, the 2-1/2 story stone structure is covered with a gable roof. The roof, sheathed with wood shingles and covered with standing seam metal, features one brick interior end chimney. A five-bay porch extends across the front elevation of the house.

The principal (south) elevation consists of an early 19th century stone structure and a mid-19th century frame extension. The stone structure includes the west, three bays, while the extension includes the east, three bays. The three-bay, west section consists of a central passage and flanking windows on the first story and three, symmetrical windows on the second story.

The three-bay, frame extension has a central entry and flanking windows on the first story and a single window located in the center bay of the second story. A brick chimney, located between these two blocks, was originally an interior end chimney for the stone structure. A single-story shed roof porch extends across the entire south elevation. It is set upon a stone foundation and has seven square columns.

The north elevation of the stone I-house addition contains a side-entry in the east bay of the first story and two, symmetrically-

---

<sup>1</sup>From date stone which was located on the North gable of the original, 1-1/2 story dwelling, read B.G. 1790.

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
CONTINUATION SHEET

Section 7 Page 2

Inventory No. M 23-08  
Gaither/Howard Houses  
name of property  
Montgomery County, MD  
county and state

placed windows in the second story. A single-story shed-roof porch extends across the north elevation of the stone structure. It is set upon a stone foundation and has three square columns.

The north elevation of the three-bay, frame extension's first and second story each have a window in the central bay.

The west elevation of the stone, I-house addition is one-room deep. The first and second story each have windows located in the rear bay. The third story has a small window located in the front bay.

The east elevation of the stone I-house addition is only slightly visible on the third story, where part of a small window is visible in the gable. The rest of the east elevation is covered by the addition of the frame extension. The east elevation of the frame extension is one-room deep. The first and second story each have windows located in the rear bay. The third story has a small window located in the front bay.

Rear ell:

The 1-1/2 story rear ell consists of the original 1790 stone structure and a mid-19th century one-story frame extension. The two-bay stone structure is set upon a stone foundation and is covered with a gable roof. The roof, sheathed in wood shingles and covered in standing seam metal, features a large stone exterior end chimney. The one-bay frame extension is clad with board and batten and is covered with a simple shed roof. The roof is sheathed with standing seam metal. This extension was probably added around the same time that the frame extension to this I-house was built.

The west elevation of the stone dwelling includes the inside, two bays of the ell, while the extension includes the one end bay. The first and second floor of the original dwelling's west elevation consists of one window in the back bay. The frame extension has a single window centrally placed on this facade. The massive chimney, located between these two blocks, was originally an exterior end chimney for the 1-1/2 story stone dwelling.

The first floor of the stone structure's east elevation is not visible due to a one-story shed roof porch that extends across the elevation. This porch is in ruins, blocking the view of this floor. The second floor of the stone structure's east elevation has a single centrally placed window.

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
CONTINUATION SHEET

Section 7 Page 3

Inventory No. M 23-08

Gaither/Howard Houses

name of property

Montgomery County, MD

county and state

=====

Second Stone Dwelling (Howard House #2):

Howard House #2 is located NE of the Gaither/Howard House. This house is in very ruinous condition. The following is a description completed in 1979 by Bridget Deale:

This stone house is two stories with a single-story ell projecting from the rear (west) facade. A two-story frame section has been annexed to the north gable end. The main section has a three-bay east facade with a central doorway opening into the south room. A one-story screened porch spans this facade. Interior brick chimneys are located in both gable walls. The ell, which appears to have been constructed at the same time, has a two-bay south facade with a semi-external stone chimney on the west gable end.

In plan, the main section has two rooms on the first floor. Although mantels have been grossly vandalized, the pressed tin ceiling with a fleur-de-lis tin cornice still remains in the south room. This room also contained a boxed, corner staircase to the second floor. The second floor plan has an L-shaped hall, running along the south and west walls with three small rooms opening from it. The partition walls are frame, with vertical board sheathing. On both floors the major walls are plastered.

The rear ell is a single room with a large hearth with a wooden lintel spanning the opening; the present shelf is supported by brackets. The corner cupboard and the boxed staircase on the opposite wall both have narrow vertical beaded board sheathing. In the loft, there are small windows very close to the floor on the north and south walls. Window frames on both floors are beaded boards.

To the west of the kitchen wing, a second summer kitchen exists. This area, which is essentially a screened porch is accessible from both the main kitchen and the outside.

The frame addition to the north is two stories tall, one room up and one room down. It does not connect with the stone section on either floor. The frame section has been covered with asbestos shingles.

All three sections have standing seam tin roofs.

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
CONTINUATION SHEET

Section 7 Page 4

Inventory No. M 23-08

Gaither/Howard Houses

name of property

Montgomery County, MD

county and state

=====

Outbuildings for the Gaither-Howard House:

**Outbuilding #2:** This outbuilding is located to the north of the main house. The structure is in severe ruinous condition. It is thought that this building might have been a corn crib at one time, but the severe deterioration of the structure makes it difficult to determine.

**Outbuilding #3:** This outbuilding is located north of outbuilding #2. The only remaining portion of this structure is the stone foundation.

Outbuilding for the Howard House #2:

**Outbuilding #1:** This outbuilding is located west of the house. The structure is a simple frame outbuilding sheathed in vertical wood plank siding and covered with a gable roof sheathed in metal. The two openings are located in the gable end measuring 5' by 3'.

Cemetery:

The burial plot for the Howard house lies north of the Gaither Howard house.

The site has been maintained over the years. The tombstones are in good condition and a contemporary wood and wire fence has been placed to protect it from the cultivated fields that surround the site.

Tombstones read as follows:

1. Greenbury W. Jr., born Oct. 18, 1883, Died Mar. 10, 1915
2. Herbert R. Howard, born July 11, 1892, Died May 15, 1943
3. E. George Howard, born in Montgomery Co., Md Oct 11, 1814, Died January 14, 1895, peace, peace, rest.
4. Harriet E., beloved wife of George Howard, born June 12 A.D. 1818, died Dec. 22. 1882.
5. George S. Howard, 1876-1961
6. Laura E. Howard, 1880-1969
7. Hattie H. Brown, 1873-1965

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

CONTINUATION SHEET

Section 8 Page 1

Inventory No. M-23-08

Gaither-Howard House

name of property

Montgomery County, MD

county and state

=====

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Gaither-Howard houses are located in the Patuxent River State Park on the north side of Damascus Road in rural northern Montgomery County. Beale Gaither, in 1790, was the builder of the 1-1/2 story, stone dwelling. The Gaither-Howard house came to include a 2-1/2 story, I-house addition, a 2-1/2 story, one-room frame extension and a one-story, one-room frame extension.<sup>2</sup> Enoch George Howard, a freed black, after whom the property is also named, purchased it from the Gaither family in 1862. The Howard family retained ownership for 98 years. The property provides an illustration of the evolution of rural domestic building in Montgomery County and provides a historical link to two notable families in the county. Due to the severe deterioration, the Gaither-Howard houses and their outbuildings do not meet the Criteria of the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties.

Historic Context:

This parcel of land was the original land tract called patented by Benjamin Gaither, as "Gaither's Forest."<sup>3</sup> The original stone house was built in 1790 by Beale Gaither. Mr. Gaither is listed in the 1783 tax assessment as a farmer and owning property on a tract of land known as Mount Calvary. Beale Gaither died in 1839 and left his estate to his nephew Samuel R. Gaither. "To my nephew Samuel R. Gaither, I leave my dwelling plantation...and I give and devise my dwelling plantation...to my brother Frederick...after the death of my nephew Samuel R."<sup>4</sup> Samuel R. Gaither did not die until August 17, 1860---but for whatever reason, Frederick Gaither obtained his brother's estate.<sup>5</sup>

Frederick Gaither died in 1843 and he left his estate to his "daughter Maria, wife of Samuel R. Gaither, the farm willed by Beale Gaither to him the Samuel R. in the event of his death..." After his death and that of his wife, the property was to be equally divided among the "daughters of my daughters Martha and Elizabeth Griffith and Rebecca Warfield and daughters of my son

---

<sup>2</sup>It is unclear when these additions and extensions were added.

<sup>3</sup>Referred in Montgomery County Courthouse Records, Deed Book EBP 36 Folio 234

<sup>4</sup>Montgomery County Courthouse, Will Book W Liber 154

<sup>5</sup>1855-1899 Sentinel, p137-138.

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
CONTINUATION SHEET

Section 8 Page 2

Inventory No. M23-08  
Gaither-Howard House  
name of property  
Montgomery County, MD  
county and state

=====  
Perry..."<sup>6</sup>

In 1857, a slave and field foreman of the Gaither Family, Enoch George Howard bought freedom for himself and his wife Harriet, with \$3,000 of his savings, obtained from selling produce he cultivated from a small plot of land given to him by his original owner Beale Gaither.<sup>7</sup>

In March of 1860, Harriet, Enoch George Howard's wife, bought their five children from Samuel R. Gaither, (Greenbury, John, Mary, Alice, Maria, and Martha).<sup>8</sup>

In August of 1862, Enoch George Howard purchased the Gaither-Howard house and 289.5 acres from Frederick Gaither's grandchildren.<sup>9</sup> Enoch George Howard prospered as a farmer and landowner, acquiring a total of 600 acres of land during his lifetime.<sup>10</sup>

In 1885, Enoch George Howard sold the house and 289.5 acres of land to his son, Greenbury. "Being part of the same land conveyed by Maria G. Griffith and others to George..."<sup>11</sup>

(It is thought that this is when Greenbury Howard built Howard House #2.)

On January 14, 1895, Enoch George Howard died. The *Montgomery County Sentinel* stated upon his death that "he was an old and highly respected citizen." He had given land to found Howard Chapel (M23-11) and to establish a black school (built prior to 1879)<sup>12</sup> which was located on the east side of Howard Chapel Road

---

<sup>6</sup>Montgomery County Courthouse, Will Book Y Liber 253

<sup>7</sup>Coleman, Margaret Marshall and Anne Dennis Lewis. *Montgomery County a Pictorial History*. Norfolk, VA: Donning Company Publishers. 1984. p51.

<sup>8</sup>Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book JGH 8 Folio 36

<sup>9</sup>Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book JGH 8 Folio 671

<sup>10</sup>Coleman, p 51.

<sup>11</sup>Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book EBP 36 Folio 234

<sup>12</sup>School is shown on the Hopkins's Map of 1879 as School No. 2, p 23.

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

CONTINUATION SHEET

Section 8 Page 3

Inventory No. M23-08

Gaither-Howard House

name of property

Montgomery County, MD

county and state

=====

south of the church.<sup>13</sup>

Enoch George Howard's estate was divided equally among his five children, (Greenbury, John, Mary Alice, Maria and Martha).<sup>14</sup> In the next seven years, Greenbury Howard bought his sister Maria and Martha's portion of the estate.<sup>15</sup>

In 1927, Greenbury Howard died. He left his 300-acre estate to be divided between his wife, Mary M. Howard (100 acres), his sons, George Samuel and Daniel H. (199.5 acres), and a 1/2-acre of land to be used as a family burial ground.<sup>16</sup> This is the present-day cemetery located on the site.

On January 19, 1960, Mary M. Howard and her sons sold their property and the 299.5 acres to Thomas Blair and Mary Virginia Middleton.<sup>17</sup> Nine years later, Mr. Blair and Mrs. Middleton sold 200 acres of the 299.5 acres to the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (present owners) to be part of the Patuxent River State Park.<sup>18</sup>

---

<sup>13</sup>Sentinel, p 189.

<sup>14</sup>Montgomery County Courthouse, Will Book GCD Folio 227.

<sup>15</sup>Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book TD 2 Folio 222.

<sup>16</sup>Montgomery County Courthouse, Will Book PEW 9 Folio 79.

<sup>17</sup>Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book 2859 Folio 206.

<sup>18</sup>Montgomery County Courthouse, Deed Book 3825 Folio 745.

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. M-23-08  
Gaither/Howard House  
name of property  
Montgomery County, MD  
county and state

=====

**HISTORIC CONTEXT:**

**Geographic Organization:** Piedmont

**Chronological/Development Period (s):**

Agricultural-Industrial Transition, 1815-1870  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, 1870-1930  
Modern Period, 1930-Present

**Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme (s):**

**RESOURCE TYPE(S)**

**Category:** Building, Site

**Historic Environment:** Rural

**Historic Function (s):** Architecture, Landscape Architecture and  
Community Planning; Social/Education/Cultural; Agriculture

**Known Design Source:** Unknown



MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. M-23-08

Gaither/Howard House

name of property

Montgomery County, MD

county and state

=====  
**Chain of Title:**

1790	Beale Gaither built the Gaither-Howard House (Date stone which was located on the north gable, read B.G. 1790)
1839	Beale Gaither died
March 26, 1839	Beale Gaither to Samuel R. Gaither and Frederick Gaither.  Will States "to my nephew Samuel R. Gaither, I leave my dwelling plantation ...and I give and devise my dwelling plantation...to my brother Frederick ...after the death of my nephew Samuel R." (Will Book W Liber 154)
1843	Frederick Gaither died.
August 1, 1843	Frederick Gaither to Maria G. Griffith, Martha Jane Griffith, Kate Ann Warfield, Maria G. Warfield, Deborah Jane Crowder.  Frederick devised to his "daughter Maria, Wife of Samuel R. Gaither, the farm willed by Beale Gaither to him the said Samuel R. In the event of his death..." After the death of himself and his wife the property was to be equally divided among the "daughters of my daughters Martha and Elizabeth Griffith and Rebecca Warfield and daughters of my son Perry..." (Book Y Liber 253)
August 17, 1860	Samuel Riggs Gaither died. (Sentinel, p137-138)
August 5, 1862	Maria G. Griffith, Martha J. Griffith, Kate Ann and Augustus Warfield, Maria G. and Israel G. Warfield, and Deborah Jane and Alexander N. Warfield to George Howard. 289.5 acres (Deed Book JGH 8 Folio 671)
December 22, 1882	Harriet E. Howard died. (From tombstone located in the cemetery plot at the Gaither-Howard House)

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. M-23-08

Gaither/Howard House

name of property

Montgomery County, MD

county and state

=====

1885

Enoch George Howard sold the land he received from Maria G. Griffith et al, to his son, Greenbury. (Deed Book EBP 36 Folio 234)

Howard House #2 erected by Greenbury.

January 14, 1895

Enoch George Howard died. (From tombstone located in the cemetery plot at the Gaither Howard House).

1895

Estate is divided equally among his 5 children: Greenbury, John, Mary Alice, Maria and Martha. (Will Book GCD Folio 227)

January 1, 1898

Martha E. and John H. Murphy sold their portion of the division of the Howard estate to Martha's brother Greenbury Howard.

For \$408.75 the parcel of land known as lot 3. (Deed Book TD 2 Folio 222)

June 31, 1902

Maria and Jacob Oliver sell Maria's portion of the estate to her brother Greenbury Howard.

The parcel of land known as lot 1.

1927

Greenbury Howard Died. (From tombstone located at the cemetery plot at the Gaither-Howard House)

August 29, 1927

Greenbury Howard to George S. Howard and Daniel H. Howard. The 300± acre estate of Greenbury Howard was divided as follows:

(1) His wife received the farm of 100 acres (Will Book PEW 9 Folio 79)

(2) His sons, George Samuel and Daniel H. purchased for \$2,000 the remaining parcel of land.

(3) His sons, George Samuel and Daniel H. were left in trust 1/2 acre of land to be used as a family burial ground. (The present day cemetery on the Howard-Gaither House property)

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES  
CONTINUATION SHEET

Inventory No. M-23-08

Gaither/Howard House

name of property

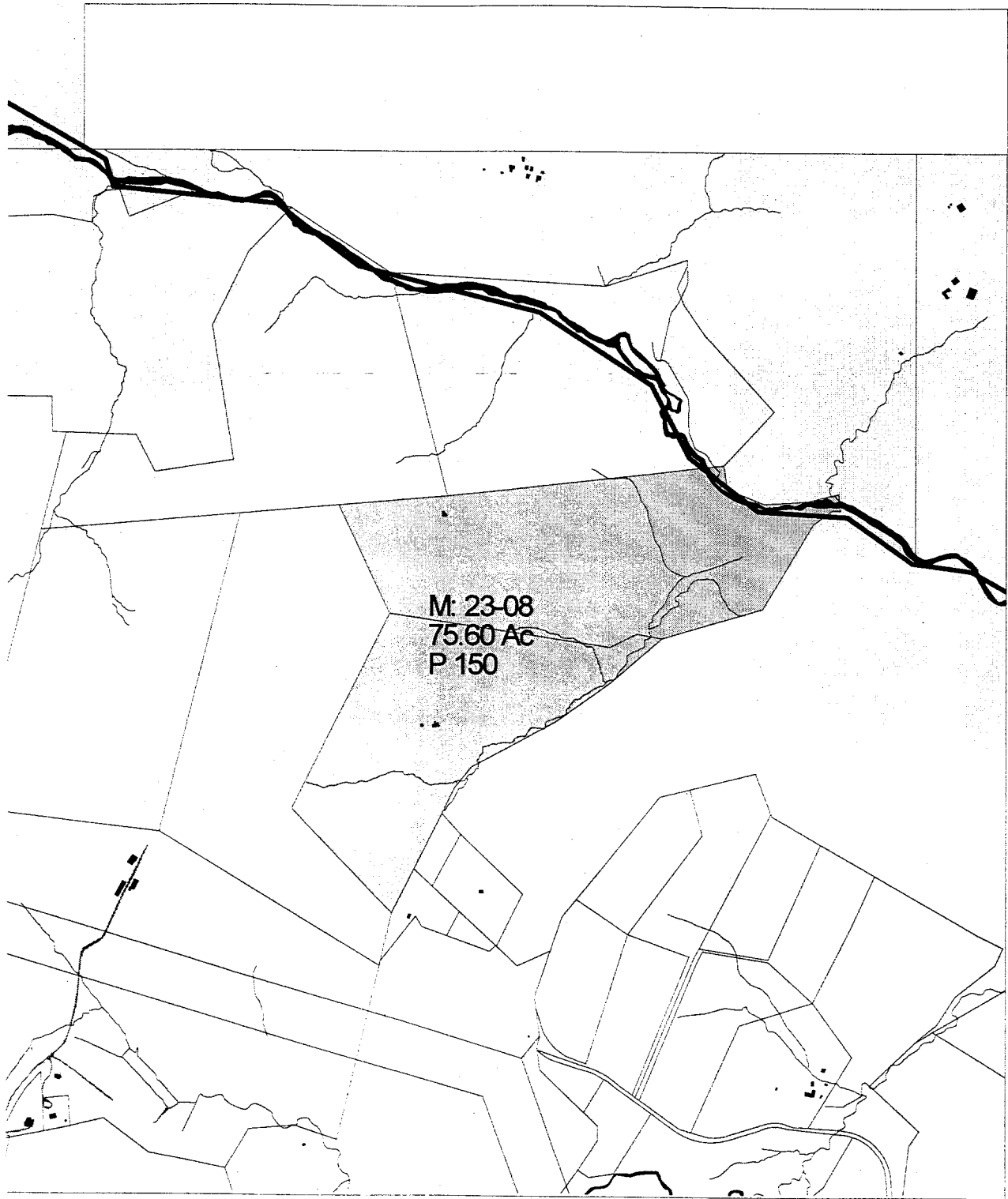
Montgomery County, MD

county and state

=====

January 19, 1960	George Samuel Howard, Laura E. Howard, Daniel H. Howard and Mary M. Howard to Thomas Blair and Mary Virginia Middleton. 299.5 acres. (Deed Book 2859 Folio 206)
January 20, 1969	Thomas Blair and Mary Virginia Middleton to Maryland Department of Natural Resources. 200 acres ± (Deed Book 3825 Folio 745)

# GAITHER/HOWARD HOUSES (M: 23-08)



Casual User Application



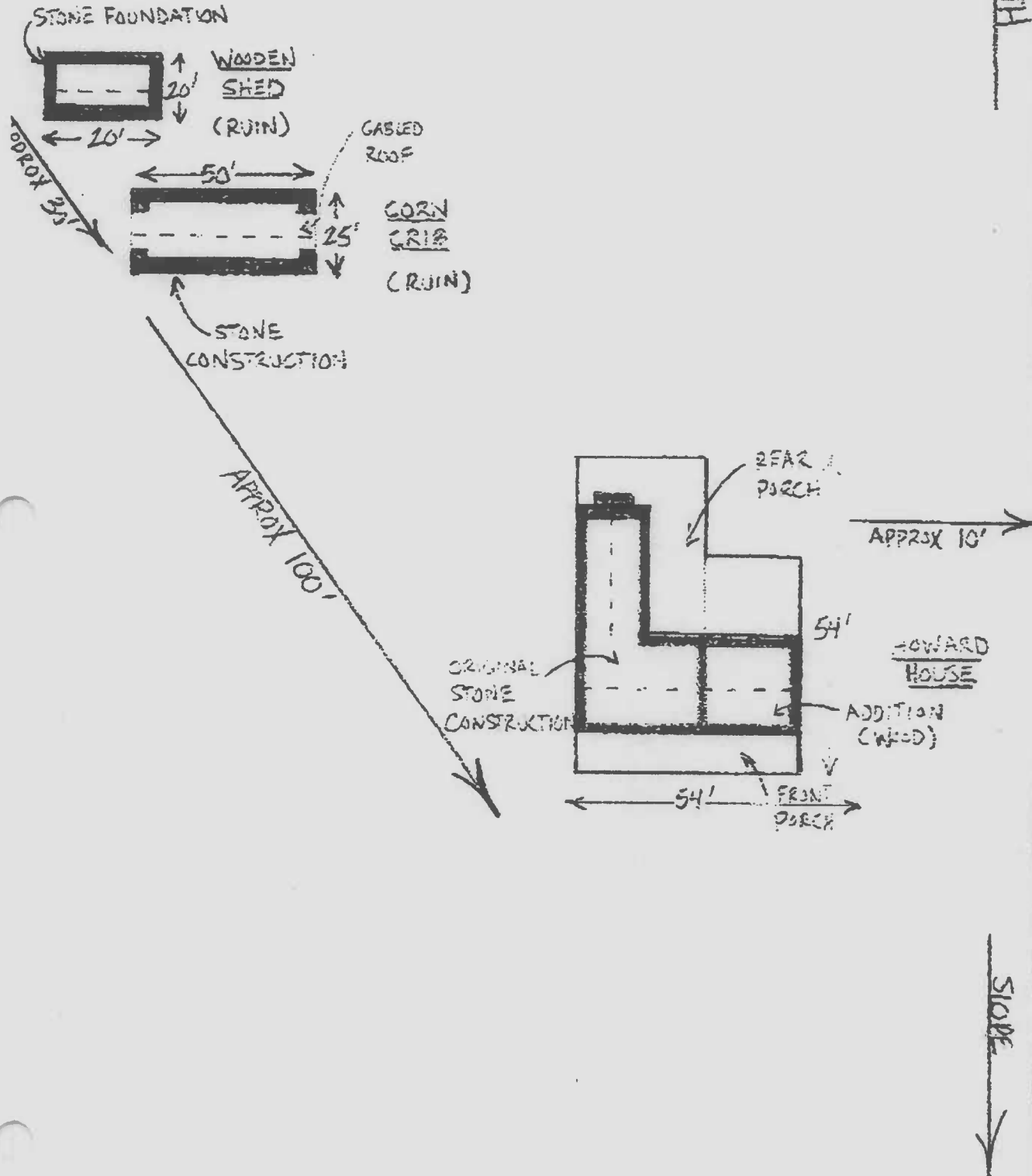
MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARK AND PLANNING  
THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
8787 Georgia Avenue - Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

N  
Scale 1" = 1100'



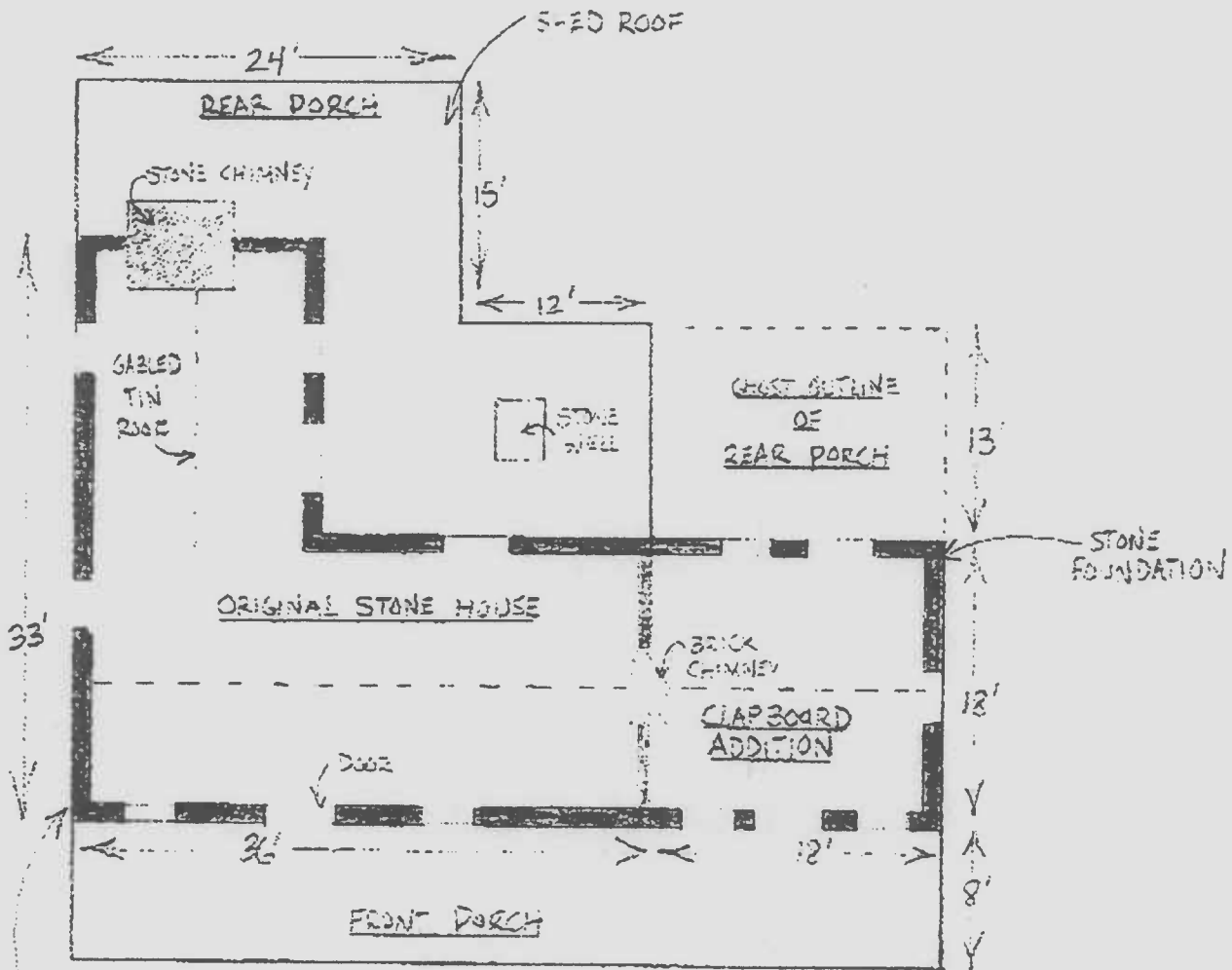


HOWARD HOUSE  
MONTGOMERY CO., MD; VICINITY OF UNITY  
DRAWN BY C. MAZUREK, FEB 3, 1997  
\*NO SCALE USED



HOWARD HOUSE  
MONTGOMERY CO., MD; VICINITY OF UNITY  
DRAWN BY C. MAZUREK, FEB 3, 1977  
\* 3/32 SCALE, GROSS MEASUREMENTS  
(OTHER FEATURES APPROXIMATED)

NORTH



SLOPE

HOWARD HOUSE #2

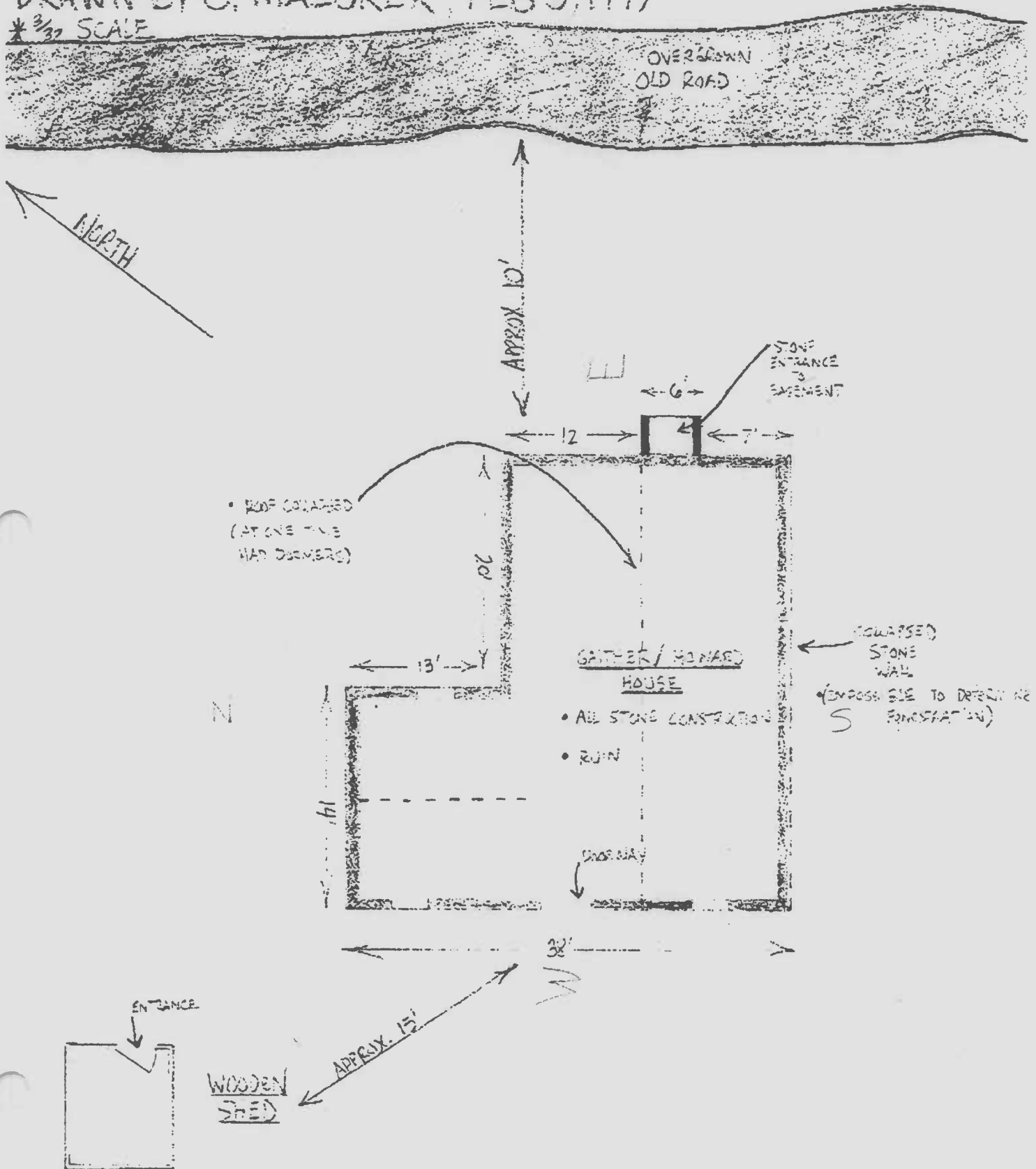
M:23-8

GAITHER / HOWARD HOUSE

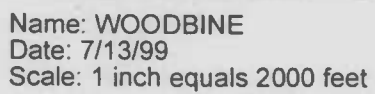
MONTGOMERY CO. MD; VICINITY OF UNITY

DRAWN BY C. MAZUREK, FEB 6, 1977

\* 3/32 SCALE







Location: 039° 16' 36.2" N 077° 04' 54.6" W  
Caption: GAITHER - HOWARD HOUSES (M: 23-08)  
Patuxent River State Park  
Elton Farm Rd, West Side



M:

23-08

GATHER-HOWARD HOUSE

MONTGOMERY CO. , MD

MICHELE NARU

3-10-00

MARYLAND SHPO

SOUTH ELEVATION

1 OF 11



23-08

GATHER-HOWARD HOUSE

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

MICHELE NARU

3-16-99

MARYLAND SHPO

EAST ELEVATION

2 OF 11



11:

23-08

GATHER - HOWARD HOUSE

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

MICHELE NARU

3-16-99

MARYLAND SHPO

NORTH ELEVATION

30F11



2 16 '99



M:  
23-08  
GANTHER-HOWARD HOUSE  
MONTGOMERY CO., MD  
MICHELE NARU  
3-16-09  
MARYLAND SHPO  
WEST ELEVATION  
4 of 11



M

23-08

HOWARD HOUSE #2 @ GAITHER-HOWARD HOUSE  
MONTGOMERY CO., MD

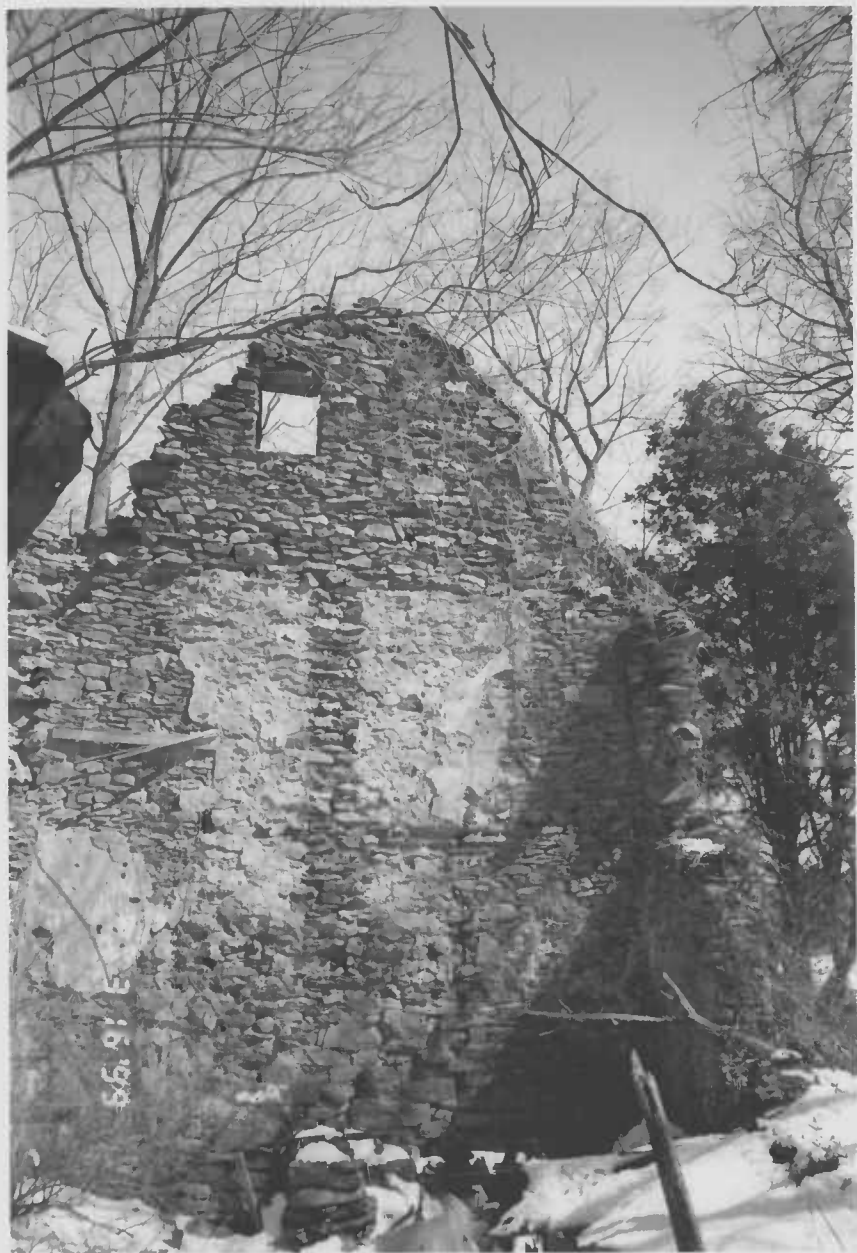
MICHELE NARU

3-16-99

MARYLAND SHPO

WEST ELEVATION

5 OF 11



23-08

HOWARD HOUSE #2 @ GAITHER-HOWARD HOUSE  
MONTGOMERY CO., MD

MICHELE NARU

3-16-99

MARYLAND SHPO

WEST ELEVATION, LOOKING THROUGH HOUSE  
TO EAST ELEVATION

6 OF 11



23-08

GATHER-HOWARD HOUSE

MONTGOMERY CO., MD

MICHELE NARU

3-16-09

MARYLAND SHPO

WOODEN SHED, LOCATED NW OF HOWARD  
HOUSE #2

70F 11





141

23-08

HOWARD CEMETERY @ GANTHER HOWARD HOUSE  
MONTGOMERY CO., MD

MICHELE NARU

3-10-99

MARYLAND SHPO

CEMETERY LOCATED NORTH OF HOUSE #2

8 OF 11

GEORGE S. HOWARD  
1876 — 1961

LAURA E. HOWARD  
1890 — 1969

HATTIE H. BROWN  
— 1965

11

23-08

HOWARD CEMETERY @ GAITHER-HOWARD HOUSE  
MONTGOMERY CO., MD

MICHELE NARU

3-16-99

MARYLAND SHPO

TOMBSTONE @ CEMETERY, LOCATED NORTH  
OF HOUSE #2

9 OF 11



3 16 '99

23-08

HOWARD CEMETERY @ GATHER-HOWARD HOUSE  
MONTGOMERY CO., MD

MICHELE NARU

3-10-00

MARYLAND SAPO

CEMETERY, ENOCH GEORGE HOWARD +  
HARRIET HOWARD'S TOMBSTONES

10 OF 11



23-08

HOWARD CEMETERY @ GAITHER-HOWARD HOUSE  
MONTGOMERY CO., MD

MICHELE NARU

3-10-99

MARYLAND SHPO

CEMETERY, GREENBURT HOWARD'S TOMBSTONE  
(SON OF ENOCH GEORGE + HARRIET HOWARD)

11 OF 11

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

1605W4904  
See revised forms

NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON:					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Howard Houses					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: Damascus Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Laytonsville					
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work In progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) Ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> Comments _____					
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME:					
1 house is probably owned by the State of Maryland as part of					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
the Patuxent River State Park. The other is on the					
CITY OR TOWN: Middleton Farm tract			STATE:		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:					
Montgomery County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE: Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY: None					
DATE OF SURVEY:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:					
STREET AND NUMBER:					
CITY OR TOWN:			STATE:		



7. DESCRIPTION				
CONDITION	(Check One)			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed			
	(Check One)		(Check One)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered <input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE				
<p>The houses are both of stone construction. The north structure is probably older. It is two stories with a three bay main (south) facade. The central doorway is flanked by large windows; on the second floor are two smaller windows. To the north is a story and a half stone ell with dormer windows on both slopes of the roof. In plan, the house has two rooms on the main floor. The doorway is in the east room and the boxed stairs rise between the two rooms; triangular treads at the beginning of the straight run give access to the stairs from both rooms. The walls are plastered, with split lath over the studding. The chair rail is a beaded board capped by an ogee moulding. Door and window jambs are splayed and panelled. The second floor has a hallway with rooms opening on either side and with a doorway to the loft of the rear wing. The hall partition walls are vertical beaded boards with applied quarter round mouldings around the door openings. The hall has an alcove at the south end, where the stairs rise to the attic. The attic has rafter joists mortised, tenoned, and pegged at the ridge with collars half-lapped and nailed over pairs of rafters. At the lower end, a nailer supports the rafters.</p> <p>The rear wing is a single room with a fireplace on the north wall. The opening has a stone lining. On either side of the fireplace are cabinets with moulded surrounds. The room is plastered over sawn lath. There is no direct access of the loft above.</p> <p>The south house is two stories with a story and a half stone ell and a two-story frame section on the east end. The main section has a three bay south facade with a central doorway opening into the west room. At either end there are flush gable chimneys with brick stacks. The fireplaces in the two rooms of this section are both small. The west room has a boxed corner staircase to the second floor. The second floor plan has an L-shaped hall, running along the west and north walls, with three rooms opening off of it. The partition walls are frame, with vertical board sheathing. On both floors, the major walls are plastered</p> <p>The ell has a two bay, west facade and a semi-external stone chimney on the north end. It is a single room on each floor. The ground floor has a large fireplace with a wooden lintel spanning the opening; the present shelf is supported by brackets. The corner cupboard west of the fireplace and the boxed staircase on the opposite wall both have narrow vertical beaded board sheathing. In the loft, there are small windows very close to the floor on the east and west walls. Window frames on both floors are beaded boards.</p>				

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

The frame addition on the east end is two stories with one room on each floor. It is of fairly recent construction with sawn members throughout. It does not interconnect with the stone section on either floor.

There is a porch across the south facade and one across the rear facade that also jogs around the ell. The well housing sits on the rear porch.

**8. SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Pre-Columbian☐ 16th Century☒ 18th Century☐ 20th Century☐ 15th Century☐ 17th Century☒ 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal

☐ Prehistoric☐ Historic☐ Agriculture☐ Architecture☐ Art☐ Commerce☐ Communications☐ Conservation☐ Education☐ Engineering☐ Industry☐ Invention☐ Landscape☐ Architecture☐ Literature☐ Military☐ Music☐ Political☐ Religion/Phi-

losophy

☐ Science☐ Sculpture☐ Social/Human-

itarian

☐ Theater☐ Transportation☐ Urban Planning☐ Other (Specify)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

INSTRUCTIONS

M:23-8

## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:

Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

7 Nov 74

STREET AND NUMBER:

8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

M:23-8

THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

6767 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 3761

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated

5/13/82

ACTION TAKEN

Planning Board voted unanimously to confirm the Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation not to place the 24 sites on the Master Plan and not to keep them on the Locational Atlas.

24 Sites Removed From  
Historical Atlas  
on April 29, 1982

M:23-8

<u>SITE</u>	<u>INDEX NO.</u>	<u>DEP CASE NO.</u>
1. Moxley Log Cabins	10/2	10-1-60, 10-1-57, 10-1-58
2. Mary Day House	10/9	10-2-181
3. Glaze Log House	10/22	10-2-222
4. Middleton King Farm	10/25	14-2-94
5. Thomas Hilton Farm	11/8	10-2-29
6. Sellman Station	12/14	7-1-366
7. William T. Poole House	12/16	7-1-315
8. McKendree Bowman Farm	14/1	10-6-135
9. Abandoned Log House	14/19	10-3-24
10. Sylvester Burns House	14/23	10-3-29
11. William Soper House	14/30	10-3-17
12. A Mullinix Log House	15/11	10-4-286
13. Etchinson Log House	15/18	11-3-148
14. Caleb Carr House	15/68	13-2-4
15. Ashton Acres Farm	15/69	12-2-17A
16. James Dawson Farm	18/22	18-2-93
17. Americus Dawson Farm	18/27	9-3-44
18. Brownstown School	18/29	
19. Caven/Sabine Farm	22/5	11-2-228A
20. Cooke's Range/Pope Farm	22/22	11-2-223
21. Howard Log Cabin	23/8	11-4-85
22. Jones/Claggett Farm	24/14	9-4-154
23. Travilah Town Hall	25/10	9-2-223
24. Mills House	24/15	



#23-8

NAME

LOCATION HOWARD PROP. N OF DAMASCUS RD UNITY, MD

FACADE SW

PHOTO TAKEN 11/7/74 MDWYER





#23-8

NAME

LOCATION HOWARD PROP. (NEAR RIVER) N OF DAMASCUS RD. UNITY, MD

FACADE NE

PHOTO TAKEN 11/7/74 MOWYER



#23-8

NAME

LOCATION PATUXENT STATE PARK N. OF DAMASCUS RD UNITY, MD

FACADE SW

PHOTO TAKEN 11/7/74 MDWYER